

Docket No. 2421-0364-0 CONT

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Manabu NOMURA, et al.

SERIAL NO: 09/361,235

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METHOD OF FORMING A LIGHT-WEIGHT,  
FIBER-REINFORCED THERMOPLASTIC RESIN  
PRODUCT AND A LIGHT-WEIGHT MOLDED PRODUCT

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SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment (w/attached Marked-Up Copy) in the above-identified application.

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- Additional documents filed herewith:

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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated October 11, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claim 12.

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. 13 (Amended) An injection molded, light-weight, fiber-reinforced thermoplastic resin product having a fiber content ranging from 5 to 80% by weight and a porosity ranging from 10 to 80%, and having a skin layer with no voids on its surface, the fibers existing in the product having a weight-average fiber length ranging from 1 to 20 mm, wherein the

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